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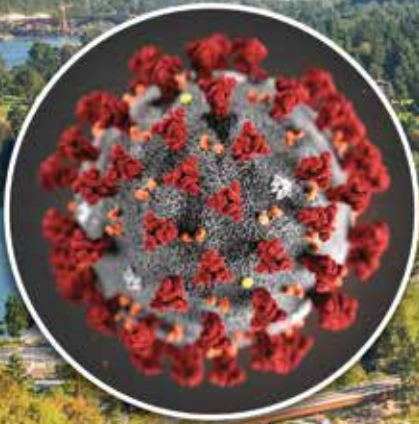
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City of Milwaukie Resources Available During the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic

To help the community find access to city services and resources during the COVID-19 outbreak, the City of Milwaukie is maintaining a webpage with centralized information at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/covid19. The webpage helps to quickly connect with areas such as utility billing, parking permits, municipal court and planning services, and provides links to resources for housing and impacted small businesses, among others. The webpage is updated frequently, check back often for changes and new information.

Updates About Milwaukie's Comprehensive Plan

Last month, Planning Commission recommended adoption of the draft Comprehensive Plan to City Council. The draft Comprehensive Plan is a collection of policy and goal statements that reflect how community members envision Milwaukie growing over the next 20 years. City Council hearings were originally scheduled to begin on April 7, however, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, they have been postponed until a safe, secure and effective public meeting process is in place. For updates and more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/comprehensive-plan-update.

Once the Comprehensive Plan is adopted, city staff will begin a robust public process to update the zoning code and map based on the plan's goals and policies. This effort will be guided by the newly-appointed Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee comprised of 13 Milwaukie residents, one planning commissioner, one city councilor, and technical experts as needed. This committee will provide guidance to the city and help ensure that community input is considered throughout the process.

Initial work will focus on housing, trees and parking. In a recent survey, the community indicated affordable housing and tree protection were top priorities. Staff is moving forward with a solicitation process to select a consultant team to assist the city in this effort. For questions about the Comprehensive plan process, email planning@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Milwaukie's Greatest Assets



Councilor Wilda Parks

Recently, we had the honor of interviewing a large number of community members for a limited number of positions on a committee to advise on the future of the current City Hall property.

It seems fitting that as we celebrate volunteerism that once again the residents of Milwaukie showed how much they care about their community, and it's past and future. It's gratifying that there are so many who are interested

in this building and want to help make decisions as we move forward.

Representatives of our neighborhoods and our downtown business community were selected to serve on a 14-member committee; several positions of which were already filled with specific agency representatives. This community and partner group will learn about historical preservation laws, development conditions and costs and limitations as we work toward moving into a new City Hall just down the street.

The beautiful 1938 City Hall sits on what is also a public park and where the sculpture garden and community Christmas tree currently reside. There are both opportunities and constraints, including financial constraints, that need to be reviewed and considered.

Public outreach will be a huge component of the committee's research. In addition to all the technical information and research, an integral part will be listening to residents and gathering and vetting your thoughts.

Results of these activities and processes will help develop a request for proposals to select a new user of the site. That could be a lease, a sale, a rent, it could be retail business, public benefit business, nonprofit, or any variety of other kinds of development. It's all truly open for discussion!

And, true to the spirit of Milwaukie, we need and want your input! Watch for opportunities, such as surveys, open houses, information at the Farmers Market—be sure, wherever possible, to add your voice, your thoughts, your dreams.

Our community members and their opinions, and our City Hall, are indeed among Milwaukie's greatest assets. Help write the next chapter for Milwaukie!

Municipal Court Update

As a part of ongoing efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19, Milwaukie's municipal court, which handles traffic, parking and code enforcement issues, is making temporary policy changes. At this time, in-person court sessions scheduled for March 25 and April 8 have been canceled. For those who have a court matter set for either date that cannot be resolved by phone or mail, please contact the court to reschedule at 503.786.7555. For matters typically dealt with in-person, such as submitting cash payments, contact the court by phone to receive a new due date. The court is temporarily extending the timeframe for some payments, collection actions, deferred sentencing agreement compliance and license suspensions matters. Please contact the court with any questions or concerns about court matters.

One of best ways to prevent spreading the virus is by avoiding large gatherings. The court is encouraging community members to resolve matters by phone or mail, whenever practicable, to avoid creating large dockets for future sessions. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/municipalcourt.

Window Fall Prevention

Window falls are preventable and the risk of injury to children can be reduced. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, about eight children younger than five years old die each year from falling out a window, and more than 3,300 are seriously injured enough to go to the hospital.

The Window Safety Task Force offers these suggestions to help protect children:

- Teach children to play away from windows
- Teach caregivers and children that screens keep bugs out, but they don't keep children in
- For any windows that are six feet or higher from the ground, install window stops or guards that limit opening windows to no more than 4 in.
- Keep windows closed and locked when not in use
- Keep anything a child can climb away from windows
- Always supervise children and ask about window safety when your child visits other homes
- Use strategic landscaping, such as wood chips, grass or shrubs, beneath windows

For more information, visit www.stopat4.com.

Lisa and Stephan Lashbrook Chosen as Milwaukie's 2019 Volunteers of the Year



City Council selected Lisa and Stephan Lashbrook as the 2019 Volunteers of the Year. Stephan and Lisa were nominated both individually and as a team. After careful consideration, their incomparable dedication to volunteerism in Milwaukie resulted in the award's first dual winners.

Lisa was nominated by several community members for her service on the city's Parks & Recreation Board (PARB) since 2014, which included the groundwork resulting in Milwaukie's designation as a Tree City USA and as a key member of the subcommittee that helped with the design of Milwaukie Bay Park. Lisa also currently serves as both the secretary and a Land Use Committee member for the Lewelling Neighborhood District Association (NDA). She has actively volunteered with the Lewelling NDA for more than 20 years. One of her most impactful roles with the neighborhood has been her leadership at the annual Winter Solstice Event

at Milwaukie Bay Park, which the Lewelling NDA started more than 20 years ago. When asked what advice she would share with anyone interested in volunteering Lisa said, "Volunteering in Milwaukie can be very hands on. If you get involved, you can effect real change and bring forth new ideas here. City staff and council welcome the input of the volunteers in the city."

Lisa was also nominated for her work as a Milwaukie Parks Foundation member, a 4H Wildlife Steward for Lewelling Elementary School, one of the founders of the Milwaukie Community Gardens Program in 2007, a Meals on Wheels driver for the past 13 years, a Recreation Committee member at the Milwaukie Community Center for the past six years, a regular and active participant at city open houses and other public forums, and for her work during the first Carefree Sunday open streets event in 2019 where she helped activate Ball-Michel Park with music and festivities.

Stephan supports Lisa with her volunteer work every step of the way, but is a formidable volunteer in his own right. He was nominated for his involvement in the Lewelling NDA as well, where he currently serves as the chair and a Land Use Committee member. Over the past several years, Stephan has been one of the lead organizers for the Lewelling NDA's involvement at Winter Solstice and served as Santa Claus during the event for the past two years. Stephan has a special knack for bringing a smile to everyone and gifted with the ability to grow a very convincing Santa beard. Stephan is also one of the lead organizers for the Lewelling Concerts in the Park each August in Ball-Michel Park, even performing himself on occasion! Stephan was also nominated for his membership on the city's Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, as well as the lead facilitator and organizer for Milwaukie's first Leadership Academy that began in October 2019. This volunteer role is especially suited to Stephan given his past experience with local government and a former professor of urban planning. "Having worked for many different cities in my professional career, I saw over and over again how volunteers made things possible that would otherwise not have gotten done. All kinds of people volunteer, and it all adds up for the community," Stephan emphasized when asked about the importance of volunteering.

Lisa and Stephan would have been formally recognized as Volunteers of the Year during the Milwaukie Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, however, the event has been postponed due to COVID-19 until this fall. They will also be recognized on a permanent plaque at City Hall.

Other nominees for this year's award included Pixie Adams, Dave McAdams, Connie Ross, Sarah Smith, Mark Stehn, Kim Travis and Ed Zumwalt. Congratulations to all the nominees and thank you for serving the community! For more information about the award, contact Jason Wachs at wachs@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The city is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Arts Committee, Audit Committee, Citizens Utility Advisory Board, Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee, and Planning Commission. The city is also searching for youth volunteers (14-18 years old) to join a variety of boards and committees. If you're interested in these unique volunteer opportunities, or volunteering in general, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/volunteering or www.milwaukieoregon.gov/bc.

Using the Police Non-Emergency Phone Number



The Milwaukie Police Department (MPD) will continue responding immediately to all emergency calls, however, in light of COVID-19, they ask the community to call the non-emergency number at 503.786.7500 for issues that can be addressed over the phone.

Officers can answer questions and take non-emergency reports by phone, which supports the Centers for Disease Control's guidance for putting distance between each other.

The MPD is committed to the safety of the community and dedicated to serving the city. Contingency plans are in place that can be implemented should they become necessary, if future developments related to COVID-19 require additional adjustments to how service is provided. Any changes will be shared with the community.

Despite these changes, the MPD is confident in its ability to maintain a high-level of service now and in the future. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/police.

Saturday Parking Enforcement Begins in April



In April, the city will begin enforcement of parking time limits on Saturdays in downtown Milwaukie. The city hopes that enforcing parking time limits will provide more open spaces on Saturdays and encourage more visitors to downtown businesses.

Downtown Milwaukie has 2-hour and 4-hour parking spaces available free of charge. For stays longer than 4-hours, daily parking passes are available for purchase at City Hall for \$5 per day. Monthly passes are available for \$70, and quarterly passes are \$200. To purchase a parking pass, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/parking. Passes are limited to those who work in the downtown area.

In 2018, City Council adopted a downtown parking management strategy to help ensure a balanced approach. This spring, as part of the parking strategy implementation, the city will conduct a parking occupancy and use survey of downtown and nearby residential areas. For more information contact Alison Wicks at wicksa@milwaukieoregon.gov.

**Please note, parking enforcement practices are subject to change as the City of Milwaukie responds to COVID-19.*

Carefree Sunday Event Getting Ready to Roll Through a Neighborhood Near You This August



Milwaukie will hold this year's Carefree Sunday event on Aug. 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The city will temporarily open more than five miles of streets to people (and close them to cars) to bike, walk, roll and connect within the community. The event is free and provides a safe, family-friendly environment with live music and activities.

A route on the east side of the city that travels through four neighborhoods is being explored with activity areas hosting vendors, food and entertainment along the way—similar to the route last year.

This event is not possible without the help of individual and group volunteers. In 2019, 118 volunteers worked a total of 132 shifts. If you or your organization would like to be involved with the event, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events/carefreesunday.

The city is also seeking event sponsors and vendors at various levels and locations along the route. This is a great opportunity to showcase local businesses, and the city is currently exploring options to reduce vendor participation fees. If you are interested in these opportunities, contact Brenna Cruz at 503.786.7519 or cruzb@milwaukieoregon.gov.

**Please note, this event is subject to change as the City of Milwaukie responds to COVID-19.*



McBrod Avenue Work Begins This Summer



This summer, the city will make some improvements to SE McBrod Avenue, from 17th Avenue to Ochoco Street. The improvements include a reconstructing the roadway, installing sidewalks on the east side of the street, and completing much needed repairs and upgrades to the water, sanitary sewer and stormwater systems.

Temporary road closures and brief water shut-downs are anticipated, however, all impacts will be shared with the community. Stay tuned for future notifications.

For more information and project updates, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering/mcbrod-avenue-water-system-improvements. For questions, please contact Beth Britell, project manager, at 503.786.7544 or britellb@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Meek Street Pipeline Project Begins in April

The Meek Street pipeline project is anticipated to begin this month. This two-phase project will alleviate flooding in the stormwater system on Harrison Street by first constructing about 2,500 feet of stormwater drainage from SE Meek Street to 37th Avenue and Monroe Street, along with a stormwater detention facility on Oak Street on a site purchased from Union Pacific Railroad earlier this year. The second phase of the project will route stormwater to the existing detention pond on Roswell Street.

Night work will occur when crews cross Harrison Street and flaggers will direct traffic through the construction zone. Pipeline installation along Railroad and Monroe streets are anticipated to cause some brief delays and road closures throughout the project. Final completion of the first phase of construction is anticipated in fall 2020.

For questions, contact Jennifer Garbely at garbelyj@milwaukieoregon.gov. For project details and updates, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering/meek-street-pipe-installation.

Cutting Hair in Milwaukie Since 1937

If you have lived in Milwaukie at any time since 1937, it is likely that a Townsend has cut your hair.

In 1937, Everett Townsend moved his family to Milwaukie and opened a barber shop. This shop was located on Main Street, between Washington and Jefferson streets, where Libbie's Restaurant stands today. That same year, the Townsend's added to the family when son Jim was born.



In 1958 Jim had two major changes in his life. He graduated from barber school and married Jean, his high school sweetheart. After graduation, Jim joined his father's barber shop and, for the next six years, they were partners together cutting hair in downtown Milwaukie. Around 1960, the shop relocated to the corner of Washington and Main streets in the Kellogg-Wetzler Building. After 27 years, Everett retired from the business and Jim took it over in 1964. Jim moved the shop to its current location at 10590 32nd Ave, near the Public Safety Building.

Now, the third generation of Townsends joined the business when Jason graduated from barber college and began cutting hair with his dad. For more information, visit www.jimsbarberstyling.net.

Backflow Testing



If you received a letter about backflow testing, it's more than likely a backflow assembly is located on your residence or business and due for its annual testing.

The most common areas where backflow assemblies are found is irrigation systems, fire sprinkler systems (both residential and commercial), swimming pools and hot tubs, boilers, soda machines, and commercial water lines (depending on their use). Backflow assemblies are installed to protect the city's water system. Without these devices, water from private properties could flow back into the city's water system and contaminate it. Backflow assemblies are also required by the Oregon Health Authority.

For questions or more information, contact Shawn Flye, cross-connection specialist, at 503.786.7637 or flyes@milwaukieoregon.gov.

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ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

A special thank you to everyone who helped plant native plants and clean up trash at Tideman-Johnson Park during the Johnson Creek Watershed Wide event last month. A big shout out to the Ardenwald Cub Scouts, Reed College environmental studies students, Reed College faculty, and Reed College President Audrey Bilger. Outstanding job and great enthusiasm from everyone!

The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood would like to recognize outstanding neighbor Mark Taylor, who volunteered as treasurer and Public Safety Advisory Committee member for several years and has recently moved. The neighborhood wishes him all the best in his new home! Ardenwald-Johnson Creek is looking for neighbors to volunteer for open board positions and board elections are currently scheduled for May.

The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Plant Sale is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3012 SE Balfour St. The Milwaukie Parks Foundation is partnering with the neighborhood to help fundraise for the new, but undeveloped, neighborhood park on Balfour Street. To date, more than \$12,000 has been raised for the development of the park, and a master plan has been completed and approved. If you are interested in helping, or have plants, pots or other gardening items to donate, please contact Lisa at 503.754.1655.

For more Ardenwald information and updates, visit www.ardenwald.org.

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED

MILWAUKIE CAFE • 9401 SE 32ND AVE
CHAIR: Matt Rinker • mattrinker@hotmail.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED

LIBBIE'S RESTAURANT • 11056 SE MAIN ST
CHAIR: Ray Bryan • ray1bryan2@gmail.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED

PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG • 11326 SE 47TH AVE
CHAIR: David Aschenbrenner • 2dasch@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

Thank you outgoing board members Ellen Chaimov, Yvonne Tyler and Milo Denham. They led discussions about small streets/low speeds and mixed-use, an intersection painting, improvements to Spring Park, and an ownership change for Elk Rock Island, among many others. The neighborhood is looking forward to their continuing involvement.

The February meeting was surprisingly well-attended by more than 20 people. A vote was taken on a Memorandum of Understanding that the city presented to the Island Station Neighborhood. Opinion was divided on signing the document, but ultimately a decision was made for two of the officers to sign. The momentum exhibited by this improved attendance will hopefully extend to future meetings and help bring the neighborhood together. Thank you to those who have spent many hours making neighborhood efforts a success. New improvements are afoot, such as sidewalks on River Road and 22nd Avenue and a new path through Kronberg Park that is being used by walkers and bikers. Island Station has some of the city's best parks and neighbors.

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED

MILWAUKIE GRANGE • 12015 SE 22ND AVE
CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

LEWELLING

The Lewelling Neighborhood District Association continues to try out different venues for its monthly meetings. Several people who attended the March meeting at the Milwaukie Museum said that they had never been there before. Please check the newsletter and city website for the location of future meetings.

Lewelling has tentatively scheduled May 2 for an ivy-pulling event in lieu of the annual spring Adopt-a-Road clean-up. The NDA is planning to return to the road clean-up event in the fall.

At upcoming meetings, the Lewelling NDA agenda will include: planning for the Carefree Sunday event in August; planning for the August Concert in the Park series; discussion about master planning for properties along SE Mullan Street; and, continuing discussion about the best north-south street in the neighborhood for future greenway development.

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED

LOCATION • TO BE DETERMINED
CHAIR: Stephan Lashbrook • drampa82@gmail.com



LINWOOD

Linwood is dedicated to improving safety and access around the community, especially near schools and neighborhood parks. As motorists, let's all be extra careful during commutes and have patience when schools are having arrivals or dismissals. More community members will find themselves out walking Linwood's beautiful streets and riding bikes now that spring is here. This can be precarious in the neighborhood considering the lack of continuous sidewalks and safe shoulder access. Neighbors can help the walkability in these areas by not blocking sidewalks and/or obstructing the shoulder of roadways for pedestrians. These types of hazards force bike and foot traffic into the streets and jeopardizes their safety. If prolonged obstacles interrupt a free passage, the Linwood neighborhood encourages everyone to remind their neighbors of the importance of safe access. Issues can always be reported to code compliance at 503-786-7409 as well.

Also, the neighborhood hopes everyone can continue to think about what emergency preparedness resources they have available. Recent news certainly brings this concern into the spotlight and regardless if this comes as something environmental, like an earthquake, or social, like a pandemic, everyone should be prepared to be self-sustainable for at least two-weeks of isolation. Community members can also be trained as a first responder through Milwaukie's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Learn more at www.clackamasfire.com.

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED
LINWOOD ELEMENTARY • 11909 SE LINWOOD AVE
CHAIR: Zac Perry • linwoodzp@gmail.com

Support Parks, Join the Milwaukie Parks Foundation

The Milwaukie Parks Foundation, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the development and maintenance of Milwaukie's parks and green spaces, is seeking board members. Board members must live or own a Milwaukie-based business, and the time commitment is approximately 5-10 hours per month. Though fundraising experience is a plus, all those with an enthusiasm and love for the city's parks are encouraged to apply! The foundation hosts events, such as park work parties, plant sales and fundraising events, and seeks funds through grant writing. If you're interested, visit www.milwaukieparksfoundation.org to fill out an application. For questions, email info@milwaukieparksfoundation.org.

LAKE ROAD

Lake Road made the following decisions at its March meeting:

- A grant request for Milwaukie Environmental Stewards was approved for \$500. This group launched a successful polystyrene foam collection site in the city and needed financial assistance to keep the program going.
- Lake Road neighbor Howard Lanoff presented "No Idle Milwaukie," a new initiative to encourage the limitation of vehicles idling at schools, train crossings and traffic signals. The neighborhood decided to support this effort to decrease emissions and contribute to better environmental quality for community.

Lake Road has a tentative schedule for spring clean-ups. Due to state guidance related to COVID-19, it's possible both events will be canceled. Check the city's website to confirm before attending.

- **Saturday, April 25** - an invasive plant removal for the outdoor sanctuary at Milwaukie Presbyterian Church. Approximately two to four hours long, gloves and refreshments provided.
- **Sunday May 3** - A return to Century Park for the annual clean-up to remove weeds in the green patch with the Lake Road sign, at the intersection of Oak and Washington streets. This activity is usually one hour of light, easy work.

Everyone in the community is invited to participate in these worthwhile efforts to take care of Milwaukie's greenspaces! This is a great way to stay engaged with neighbors and contribute to the shared, outdoor environment.

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED
ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL • 3606 SE LAKE RD
CHAIR: Vince Alvarez • lakeroadnda@yahoo.com



**Milwaukie
Community
Gardens**

There is nothing like a fresh-off-the-vine tomato!

If you would like to grow your own produce, contact Lisa with Milwaukie Community Gardens at milwaukiecommunitygardens@gmail.com or 503.358.3421 to inquire about garden plot availability. For more information, please visit www.milwaukiecommunitygardens.com.



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APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Due to state guidelines related to COVID-19, many activities are canceled or postponed. Please check the events calendar on the city website for the most up-to-date information.</i></p>						
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MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.
PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
JCB - Public Works Bldg., 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.

MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave.
PND - Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.